

# Award for Leon Fuerth

February 14, 1995

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- It was a breathtaking moment, an incredible ballet in space. But the process began long before Discovery and Mir drew together. It

began on the ground, in the hearts of the minds of a handful of people like Leon Fuerth.

- I present NASA's Exceptional Achievement Medal to Leon with heart-felt thanks. He has been of tremendous service to NASA. And he has been of tremendous service to his country.

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